

## Website "WOW's" DHS

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The new Diverse Utah website is "awesome," "great," and "forward looking" say DHS staff who attended recent training unveiling the new DHS cultural competency website. In September, Laurieann Thorpe and I provided statewide training to more than 1,000 DHS staff on how to navigate Diverse Utah. The feedback received by many was that the website proved very useful and offered help to caseworkers in attaining better outcomes for their clients.



Visit <http://diversity.hs.utah.gov> to obtain caseworkers tips, interpreter services, community resources, cultural documentaries and message board. The website also provides information about the cultural events going on around the state as well as training opportunities that present valuable tools to utilize when working with our growing and diverse DHS caseloads. Staff can also add comments about their own cultural experiences and offer suggestions about how the site could improve. Diverse Utah continues to be a work in progress and new sections on American Indian culture, poverty, polygamy and deaf and disabilities will be added soon.

Remember cultural sensitivity is knowing there is another side, cultural competence is knowing what's on the other side. If you are interested in training on the website please contact me at 538-9875 or [maromero@utah.gov](mailto:maromero@utah.gov)